

### REMARKS

As set forth in applicant's original declaration and as acknowledged by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed September 3, 2003, this application claims priority to a provisional application. This Amendment is being filed in order to properly place the claim of priority in the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. Obviously this Amendment does not change the allowability of any claim and it is requested that this Amendment be entered since the issue fee has not yet been paid.

Respectfully submitted,  
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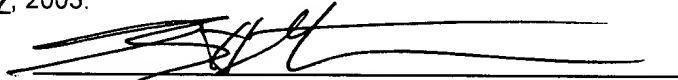


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